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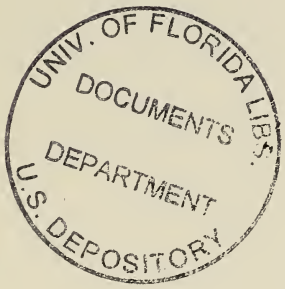
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Biography

George Shannon Long was born in a log cabin, on a small farm in Tunica, West Feliciana Parish, seven miles from Winnfield, La., September 11, 1883; when five years of age moved with his parents to Winnfield, Winn Parish, La.; attended the public schools and Mount Lebanon College (now Louisiana College) 1897–1899; taught school in Winn and Grant Parishes; studied dentistry in Atlanta, Ga., Louisville, Ky., and New Orleans, La.; practiced dentistry in Oklahoma 1904–1935; during the First World War was in officers' training school at Waco, Tex., when peace was declared; studied law; was admitted to the Oklahoma bar in 1923; member of Oklahoma State House of Representatives 1920–1922; practiced dentistry in Monroe, La., 1935–1940, and Pineville, La., 1948–1950; superintendent of Louisiana Colony and Training School 1948–1950; institutional inspector 1950–1952; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1948; unsuccessful for the Democratic nomination for Congress in 1948 and 1950; founder and director of the Dr. George S. Long Corp.; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-third, Eighty-fourth, and Eighty-fifth Congresses and served from January 3, 1953, until his death in the naval hospital at Bethesda, Md., March 22, 1958; interment in Greenwood Memorial Park, Pineville, La.

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Proceedings in the House

MONDAY, *March 24, 1958.*

Rev. Russell Ford, D. D., American Evangelical Christian Churches, Baltimore, Md., offered the following prayer:

I John 1: 7: *But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

Let us pray. Eternal God, we approach Thee in the name of Jesus Christ in behalf of this Congress of the United States, and especially the House of Representatives.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that Thou wilt enlarge the capacity of this legislative body to receive a greater influx of divine revelations during these perilous times.

Lord Jesus, inspire the executive, legislative, and judicial bodies of our Government, that they may always be led by Thy infallible word, now and forevermore.

Grant that every branch of the Government shall be perpetually permeated by Thy precious Holy Spirit.

Christ, Thou Prince of Peace, save our Nation which Thy power has made great and deliver it from potential enemies within and without and lead us to ultimate security.

Guide our Congressmen as they faithfully promote the function of the Government until Jesus Christ returns and ushers in the kingdom of peace on earth as foretold in Thy holy word.

We thank Thee for the life and character of Thy servant who now dwells with Thee in eternal blessedness. Grant unto the members of the bereaved family the consolations of Thy grace.

This we ask in Christ's name.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. Brooks].

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I have the sad duty of announcing to the House of Representatives the death of our friend and colleague, GEORGE SHANNON LONG. Congressman LONG represented the Eighth Congressional District of Louisiana. Death occurred last Saturday afternoon at 1:55 p. m., in the Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Md. Dr. LONG, as we like to call him, was stricken several days ago with a severe heart attack. Death came quickly.

"Dr. GEORGE," as many of his admiring friends referred to him—he was a dentist by profession—was born near Winnfield, La., September 11, 1883; and, as he often stated, it was in a little log cabin that he first saw the light of day. He attended public schools in Louisiana and later taught in this school system in his native State.

At one time in his life, GEORGE LONG moved to Oklahoma, and for a number of years took an interest in civic and political activities there.

He was brother to the former United States Senator and former Gov. Huey P. Long, and brother to the present Governor of Louisiana, Earl K. Long. His sister-in-law is former United States Senator Mrs. Rose Long, of Shreveport. His nephew is United States Senator from Louisiana Russell B. Long. He has another brother, Julius Long, an able attorney in Shreveport, La.

While much of his political activity during the course of a very busy life was in the State of Oklahoma, he always returned to his native Louisiana to take part in political campaigns. After moving back to Louisiana permanently, he set up dental offices at Pineville, just across the Red River from the city of Alexandria. It was then that he decided to enter politics for himself and in dead earnest. He ran for Congress and was elected to the 83d Congress, reelected to the 84th and 85th Congresses.

GEORGE LONG asked to be placed on the Veterans' Affairs Committee in the House of Representatives. Upon arriving here, his engaging personality and his tremendous energy

created a drive for this position that would not be stopped. Although he was a newer Member, our older colleagues marveled at the enthusiasm and the effort which he gave to his work on this committee.

When he first appeared in the Congress 6 years ago, there were many people in Louisiana who predicted that he would not make the grade. With very few errant moves, the doctor dug in and began to produce for his native State and for the United States a type of leadership in the House which delighted us who believe that the South must show aggressiveness if we are to recapture the position which is rightly ours in the Nation's affairs.

Although not a veteran himself, GEORGE LONG so dedicated himself to the affairs of veterans that he earned from them sincere admiration and wholesome respect. As chairman of a subcommittee which handled hospital operations, Congressman LONG visited many veteran institutions throughout the country, inquiring as to the attention and care which these institutions gave to the sick and wounded. When he appeared in these hospitals, the authorities knew that they were in for thorough investigations and the veteran patients knew that they could expect from this great public official immediate and sympathetic action.

Congressman LONG had one great attribute which younger Members of the House of Representatives can well emulate. He devoted himself to each measure which came up for discussion on the floor of this body. When the House was in session, one could always expect to see GEORGE LONG sitting here near the front row, listening to the debate and taking an active part when his convictions indicated that his efforts were needed.

Our late friend had rugged courage. When he made up his mind on a subject, nothing seemed to shake his conviction, and neither considerations of his own ambitions or his own political future stayed his hand or kept his voice quiet.

Dr. LONG was a devoted public servant. At the time of his death he was rapidly ascending the stair as a most able leader. He bore every promise here of a vigorous career from which the people of this country could really profit. But death was lurking in the shadow; and while this man worked until late hours and the Congress became activated by his enthusiasm, he did not realize that he was depleting the reservoir of his energies and vitality. With resources depleted, death stepped in and took our friend from us.

He is survived by his devoted widow, Jewell Tyson Long; two brothers, and a host of relatives throughout Louisiana. To them go our deepest sympathy in this hour of overwhelming grief.

We shall meet, but we shall miss him.
There will be a vacant chair.
But though we no longer possess him,
Still our hearts his memory bear.
But a while ago we gathered,
Friendship beaming in each eye,
Now the golden cord is severed,
He has passed to realms on high.

A short funeral service will be held this afternoon at 4 at Gawler's Funeral Home on Pennsylvania Avenue, near 17th Street. His body will remain there until it leaves Washington for the last time on the Crescent Limited late this evening for his home and final resting place at Pineville, La. Funeral services for his relatives and thousands of Louisiana friends will be held at the First Baptist Church in Pineville, La., Thursday at 2.

May his soul rest in peace.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. I yield to the distinguished majority leader.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, in the death of our dear friend and colleague, Dr. LONG, the House has lost one of its most valuable Members, and I have sustained a personal loss.

While a Member of this body since 1953, by his devotion to duty and his strong, sterling character, Dr. LONG had made a profound favorable impression upon his colleagues.

During our service together, Dr. LONG and I contacted each other frequently, out of which developed a strong friendship between us. I admired him so much for his strong convictions, his fighting heart and mind, and above all for his gentleness of character and nobility of mind.

Dr. LONG always fought the battle of the backbone of America, the average American, the workers in the factories and offices, and the tiller on the soil and the farms of America. He was one of the best friends the veterans of our country ever had, and one of the best friends the widows and dependents of our veterans ever had in the Halls of Congress.

It was only a few days ago I was chatting with him about pending legislation.

The House deeply regrets his passing on. I shall miss Dr. LONG very much. To the people of his district that he so ably and courageously represented and to the Louisiana delegation I extend my sympathy. In particular to Mrs. Long and his loved ones I extend my profound sympathy in her bereavement.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. Passman], whose district adjoins that of our late friend.

Mr. PASSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply grieved at the passing of our distinguished colleague, Dr. GEORGE S. LONG.

But for me, beyond even this measure of bereavement at the loss of an able and respected coworker, GEORGE LONG'S

crossing the divide from mortal being into the immortality of eternity constitutes also the loss of a very near and dear personal friend, for whom I held most genuine esteem and the warmest affection. He was also one to whom I was closely and faithfully bound by the strong bonds of enduring Masonic fraternal brotherhood.

Those of us closely associated with our departed colleague know that this world is a better place in which to live by his having lived in it.

While mourning his death, I shall cherish his memory so long as this life may be spared to me.

If I were called upon to reflect within the limitation of one brief sentence a substantial measure of the quality of Dr. LONG's life with his fellow man, I would say this: He acted justly, loved mercy, and walked uprightly in his several stations in life before God and man.

But even so, it would be incomplete, for GEORGE LONG's life was also rich and full from service to others as he passed along life's pathway.

From humble beginnings, though in a noteworthy family of whom several members have been and are widely recognized for their attribute of placing service above self, our late colleague was one who especially gave meaning to this trait through both precept and example, in his thoughts and aims and deeds. His home communities of Pineville, Alexandria, and Winnfield, and his own Eighth Congressional District of Louisiana in particular, but also our State as a whole and this entire Nation are better today in numerous respects than they might have been otherwise, because of this characteristic of Dr. GEORGE LONG's life.

Through his heritage and by a background of training, experience, and desire, Dr. LONG was well equipped to undertake his praiseworthy career in the Congress. Rich in both practical knowledge and basic wisdom gained from the school of life, intellectually strengthened while earning two ad-

vanced academic and professional degrees in furthering his formal education, a long-time practicing dentist and also an attorney at law, formerly a State legislator in Oklahoma, an executive for several years in the public institutional system of Louisiana, Dr. GEORGE LONG assumed his seat as a Member of this House in January of 1953.

His record here during the more than 5 years is well known by his colleagues in the House and is one which may well be recalled by his loved ones and friends, and contemplated through the years ahead, with a full measure of pardonable pride. His good deeds, fidelity, and integrity will soar as a bright example to generations yet unborn.

Dr. GEORGE LONG was zealous in the performance of his duties. His convictions were deep; he fought hard for the principles and the issues in which he believed. Open and aboveboard in his character and manner, he pursued a course calculated to serve the public interest at all times. With a strong sense of fair play always evident, he championed the cause and the needs of the masses of our citizenship. He courageously opposed encroachments on the part of those who would weaken or destroy the American way of life by undermining its fundamental principles.

Motivated by an ideal of charity and brotherhood, Dr. LONG devoted himself to the development and furtherance of innumerable positive and specific virtues. Of his endeavors in these fields, including his tireless work for the preservation of free government, the conquest of disease, the reduction of crime and juvenile delinquency, the relief of widows and orphans, the improvement of the lot of the destitute and the aged, the education of our young people, and, most certainly, for justified benefits to the veterans of the Nation's wars and their dependents, it surely must be said of him: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, welcome into the temple of the Supreme Architect of the Universe and receive thy reward."

To his devoted wife and companion and coworker, Mrs. Jewell Tyson Long, and other members of his family, I extend my heartfelt sympathy, while personally deeply bereaved along with them. We must together commend his spirit to God who gave it, and know that GEORGE is at rest.

As to my personal feelings, I must state that I bid him a fond farewell. To him I would say: "You were punctual in the performance of every duty; you answered the rollcall here; I know you have answered the rollcall above; so be now with our Heavenly Father and rest in peace forevermore."

Mr. WILLIS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana.

Mr. WILLIS. Mr. Speaker, I knew Dr. LONG and his family for a very long time, indeed. I have often said that, in my opinion, his election to Congress after a number of tries brought out his best qualities. He was a truly courageous and completely fearless man. In politics, as in debate on the floor of this House, he never gave or asked quarter if that was the way his adversary wanted to play the game. For that reason he will be remembered by many people as a rugged and rough-and-tumble individual.

But there was another side to his character that he seldom talked or bragged about and which was apparently reserved for the observation of his close associates of whom I was privileged to count myself one. Doc was a deeply religious man. He certainly made it a practice to use the Prayer Room in the Nation's Capitol more frequently than the normal Member and he was not only secretary-treasurer but a regular and devoted attendant at the weekly prayer breakfasts.

Just a few days ago the entire Louisiana delegation and our wives enjoyed a quail dinner at his home and that of his good wife, Jewell. This had become an annual affair and it was

an occasion for conviviality that we all looked forward to with great pleasure.

Coming back to Washington by plane some time ago, I clipped from the morning paper of that date a passage from the Wisdom of Solomon, in one of the apocryphal books. For sheer loftiness and majesty of thought, I do not recall reading more beautiful and comforting lines in the history of literature. I have carried the clipping in my purse and quote the passage:

> The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God
> And no torments will ever touch them.
> In the eyes of the foolish they seem to have died
> And their departure was thought to be an affliction,
> And their going from us to be their destruction;
> But they are at peace.
> For though in the sight of men they were punished
> Their hope was full of immortality.
> Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good.
> Because God tested them and found them worthy of himself.

What is wrong with praying that Doc LONG was found worthy and that his soul may be at peace even now?

I hope that deep faith in this thought may bring relief and comfort to his widow and family in this their own hour of trial, bereavement, and mental anguish.

Mr. THOMPSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I hasten to join my colleagues in expressing my deep sorrow in the passing of our friend, GEORGE SHANNON LONG. Certainly, he was one of the greatest of a historic Louisiana family, Dr. GEORGE'S accomplishments resulted from his individual efforts and the personal trust that was placed in him by those who knew him. His driving energy and strength of purpose belied his age in years and has been in inspiration to all of us.

I had known Dr. GEORGE for years prior to my service in Washington, and since we became Members of this body together in 1953 our close association has taught me to love and respect him. He was a man of great ability and courage.

possessing all of the sterling qualities of manhood and always displaying the highest sense of Christian and moral character. The State of Louisiana and the Eighth Congressional District can justly be proud of having been represented by him in the Congress of the United States. His constant presence on this floor indicated his devotion to this body and to service to his district, State, and Nation. Certainly, we, his colleagues and friends, will miss him and our prayers go with him.

To his devoted wife and the other bereaved members of his family, I wish to extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. Boggs].

Mr. BOGGS. Mr. Speaker, with my colleagues I join in paying tribute to our friend and fellow Louisianian, the Honorable GEORGE S. LONG. I shall miss him greatly, because I not only valued him as a tremendously effective coworker for our State and Nation, but as a loyal and true friend.

Dr. LONG came to the Congress at an age when most men have long since retired from the hustle and bustle of the problems of life, never mind the staggering problems of governing our Republic.

Despite his age he immediately jumped into the task of representing his great district with the vigor, confidence, and intelligence of a man many years his junior. One never thought of Dr. LONG as being an "old man." He was young in thought, vigorous in body, and effective in his work.

Dr. LONG had the capacity for making and keeping friends. I believe that he was known to every Member of this body, and loved by each of them. He was a man of strong convictions, and he was never hesitant in his political expressions. Yet he was always able to maintain his friends despite political differences.

He comes from a family long prominent in the State of Louisiana. I join with all of them in paying tribute to his memory, and in expressing profound regret in his passing.

At the time of his death he was busily engaged in working toward retaining Fort Polk in the Eighth District of Louisiana. I pledge to his friends and to our State continued activity to retain this vital installation.

To his lovely wife, Jewell, Mrs. Boggs joins with me in expressions of love and affection.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Massachusetts [Mrs. Rogers].

Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I mourn with the lovely widow and with the family of the late Congressman GEORGE SHANNON LONG. I also mourn with his own great State of Louisiana. The people of this wonderful State, his beautiful, smiling homeland, have lost a tremendous fighter, a strong Democrat, a man who believed in fairness, who tried to do right, who fought for justice and hated intolerance. I mourn with the Members of the House at his passing, and I mourn with his committee of which I am a member, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. I sat next to him for a good many months, for several years, in fact, and I enjoyed talking over with him many of the great issues facing our Nation. Sometimes we talked about his religion and I know the depth and sincerity of his faith.

I enjoyed talking with him about his love and his fight for the veterans. He never ceased thinking of them. He never ceased being grateful to them for what they have given to us to make our country safe and to make it strong. He never missed an opportunity to work for legislation for their health, and he never missed an opportunity to seek justice for them. He hated injustice. He hated persecution. I heard him express his positive views many times when something was done that he felt was unfair or unjust to an individual or when intolerance failed to comprehend that mankind everywhere is human. He loved people and was pleased to serve and to help them. You all know of his tremendous work in building better veterans' hospitals, in receiving and

giving better care for the patients of the hospitals and for those veterans who were injured and sick, particularly those who still suffer from the fury of battle, that this Nation under God shall not perish but shall live on. He wanted these brave men to live on, too.

The last time I ever saw Dr. LONG and his lovely wife was after a big military dinner at the Statler Hotel. Some kind friends were driving me home to my hotel, and while I was waiting for them Dr. LONG and his wife came up to me with their warm and friendly greetings. I asked him how his bill for the betterment of the doctors and nurses and attendants in the veterans' hospital was coming along. I knew he had given hours and hours of tireless work and enthusiasm to this bill. And, he said without a smile, "I am terribly discouraged. It is so difficult to accomplish a little for those who have done so much." I hope so much that the Committee on Rules will give H. R. 6719 a rule, and that the leaders of the House will be willing to schedule Dr. LONG's bill for this consideration by the House. I am certain this excellent bill of our late colleague, H. R. 6719, would be approved. It is a bill to increase the pay of doctors and nurses, and attendants in veterans' hospitals, in order that they may be able to see their way clear to keep on in the service and give the best of care to the men who need their care so desperately. I think so often there are things that we might do to help our colleagues before they die, and this is something we could do for a colleague in his memory. It would be a lasting accomplishment and memorial for him and of great benefit to all of the veterans and their dependents all over the country.

I pray, Mr. Speaker, that this action will take place. I know the soul of our friend and colleague Dr. LONG is now in heaven, and may God grant peace and comfort to his family.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Teague].

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, along with all of the other Members of the House I am terribly shocked at the passing of our colleague, the gentleman from Louisiana, Dr. GEORGE S. LONG.

Dr. LONG was a valued colleague on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and I shall miss him sorely as well as will all of his colleagues on this committee.

He brought to the Congress and to our committee peculiar and unusual talents in that he was both a practicing attorney and a dentist. The training in both of these fields was of the greatest assistance to our committee during his period of service.

The segment of the veterans' program that was closest to his heart was the hospital program and that is indeed the heart of our veterans' program. In the 83d Congress he sponsored the bill which became Public Law 84 which clarified the entitlement of veterans to outpatient dental care, and while liberalizing somewhat the then existing requirements, the passage of this legislation has resulted in the saving of several millions of dollars to the Federal Government. I cite this as one example of the constructive approach which Dr. LONG had to legislation.

In both the 84th and 85th Congresses Dr. LONG served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Hospitals. During the 84th Congress he and his subcommittee made a rather extensive trip around the country to visit numerous Veterans' Administration installations. At the conclusion of the trip he filed a report which has been very helpful not only to the committee but to the entire Congress. He spoke from firsthand knowledge and long experience in the hospital program and it is not without signficance that the bill which he sponsored in this Congress had to do primarily with improving the conditions in the Department of Medicine and Surgery of the Veterans' Administration. This bill, H. R. 6719, seeks to increase the salaries of doctors and other professional personnel in this section of the Veterans'

Administration, and he handled the measure for the subcommittee ably and well. The full committee reported the bill with few changes and the measure is well advanced along the road to passage. It is a great pity that he did not live to see the passage of this legislation in which he was so vitally interested and on which he spent so much time and thought.

The veterans of this country have lost a good friend and the Congress has suffered the loss of an able and conscientious colleague. To his widow and to other members of his family I extend my heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished whip of the House of Representatives, the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. Albert].

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning with a heavy heart. Congressman LONG has been my friend for many years. He has visited in my home in McAlester, Okla. He has many friends in my community. He lived in my State for more than 30 years. He was there when Oklahoma became a State. He practiced dentistry in Tulsa. He served with distinction in the Oklahoma State Legislature. He was well known and highly regarded all over our State. His friends there were legion. Since coming to Congress Dr. LONG has taken a personal interest in every measure before this House affecting my State. Along with Louisiana we in Oklahoma claim him as one of our own.

An illustrious member of an illustrious family, that came up from poverty and oblivion, GEORGE LONG was a great Congressman and a great American. I shall miss his colorful speeches and his warm smile in the years to come. I extend my deepest sympathy to Mrs. Long and the other members of his family.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. Kearney].

Mr. KEARNEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that I learned of the death of my very, very good friend, GEORGE LONG, of Louisiana. With the Members of the Louisiana delegation I want to pay my respects to GEORGE not only as a kindly gentleman but as a Member of the House who was vitally interested in veterans' affairs and who was a tower of strength on our committee, the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. Speaker, GEORGE succeeded me as chairman of the Subcommittee on Hospitals. It was a pleasure to work under him because of the interest that he took, not only in the matter of the vital necessity of new hospitals, but also because of his activities in general in connection with disabled veterans. It was with a deep feeling of sorrow that I learned of his passing, and I extend my deepest personal sympathy to his widow and his family.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida [Mr. Matthews].

Mr. MATTHEWS. Mr. Speaker, it is very difficult for me to speak without emotion as we pay tribute to our departed colleague, Dr. LONG, because, as with many of my colleagues, I felt very, very close to him. There were so many little personal things that this late colleague of ours did that you would not read about in public print.

We have already heard so many comments about the interest that he had in the veterans. He came to my home city of Gainesville, Fla., and spent hours talking with me about our proposed neuropsychiatric hospital there. In the late afternoon he went to Lake City, Fla., in my district, and there spent hours talking with many veterans, trying to give them advice and help.

Mr. Speaker, I served with Dr. LONG on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs during the 83d Congress under the leadership of the gentlewoman from Massachusetts [Mrs. Rogers], and I know so well of the many hours of consecrated work

he put in in the field of veterans' legislation. I remember last year a humble citizen from my district came to see me. He had a boy who had been involved in some trouble in the great State of Louisiana. He said, "I have heard of this man, Congressman LONG, and I believe that if you could make it possible for me to have a conference with him he could help me. My boy is in prison. He is eligible for parole, but he does not know just exactly what to do. We have no money. We can hire no expensive attorney. Can you get a conference for me with Congressman LONG to see if he can help?"

Our friend GEORGE LONG helped this humble citizen. He gave him the assistance that he deserved. That is just another indication of the personal contacts I have had with him through the short years we both have been Members of Congress.

Comment has been made about his religious life and I notice here today many of us who have met with him Thursday after Thursday morning at our prayer groups. GEORGE LONG was recently nominated as the vice president of that group and would have been our president next year, which suggests the high esteem his colleagues held for him.

One of the recent letters he wrote to most of us was about a pages' school. He was interested in doing something for these fine boys who are here with us and who at the present time have no regular home. That is another indication of the humanitarian interest of this great man.

In the poetry anthology that was prepared several years ago by Members of Congress he submitted this poem which suggests to me his deep religious conviction. This poem by William Herbert Carruth, is entitled "Each in His Own Tongue";

A fire-mist and a planet
  A crystal and a cell,
A jellyfish and a saurian,
  And caves where the cavemen dwell;
Then a sense of law and beauty
  And a face turned from the clod—
Some call it evolution,
  And others call it God.

A haze on the far horizon,
  The infinite, tender sky,
The ripe, rich tint of the cornfields,
  And the wild geese sailing high;
And all over upland and lowland
  The charm of the goldenrod—
Some of us call it autumn,
  And others call it God.

Like tides on a crescent sea beach,
  When the moon is new and thin,
Into our hearts high yearnings
  Come welling and surging in:
Come from the mystic ocean
  Whose dim no foot had trod—
Some of us call it longing,
  And others call it God.

A picket frozen on duty,
  A mother starved for her brood,
Socrates drinking the hemlock,
  And Jesus on the rood;
And millions who, humble and nameless,
  The straight, hard pathway plod—
Some call it Consecration,
  And others call it God.

In my own great State of Florida we have the sturdy oak trees that give their spiritual response to one who seeks rest and solace. In GEORGE LONG a sturdy oak has fallen, but I shall find in his memory great spiritual repose that will be of great benefit to me in the years ahead.

To his widow and loved ones that he leaves behind, and to his colleagues from Louisiana, I offer my sincerest and most profound sympathy.

Mr. MORANO. Mr. Speaker, I join with the other Members of the House in mourning the death of our late colleague, GEORGE LONG, of Louisiana. We served together on the Committee on House Administration and especially we served on the subcommittee on elections of that committee. Congressman LONG performed his duties with vigor and integrity always. There were times when some of us disagreed with him, but I do not believe our disagreement ever caused us to lower our esteem and our affection for Congressman LONG. He was a man who, when he made up his mind on a principle or on a course of action pursued it with dogged determination to the very end. We on the Committee on House Administration always admired him for that. I mourn his passing and extend to his widow and the members of his family my profound sympathy in this their hour of bereavement.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. Whitener].

Mr. WHITENER. Mr. Speaker, the picture of Old Glory flying at half-mast over the Capitol again today gives me a very keen sense of sadness. This sadness comes from the message that our beloved friend, Dr. GEORGE LONG, has been removed from our legislative family.

In serving with our departed colleague on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs during the 1st session of the 85th Congress I came to know him rather intimately. His graciousness and desire to be of service to me in my work on that committee will remain one of the most favorable and indelible impressions of my early days in the Congress. He was at all times considerate, kindly, and generous to me and to all others who were privileged to be associated with him.

The State of Louisiana has lost a distinguished son, a capable legislator, and a Christian gentleman. The people of the United States have lost an outstanding legislator whose sole aim was to serve the best interests of all the people in this Nation which he loved so much.

I have lost a close personal friend. Such a loss is always an irreparable one.

It is with sadness and earnestness that I join in expressing to Mrs. Long and the other members of the family of our departed colleague my sentiments of sincere sympathy. May the Heavenly Father, in whom our departed colleague placed so much trust, give to them in this hour the serenity of spirit which will sustain them in their bereavement.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to our colleague the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. Morris].

Mr. MORRIS. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in mourning, and in expressing tribute to the memory of our departed colleague, Dr. GEORGE S. LONG. My distinguished colleague, the majority whip, Congressman Carl Albert, has suggested something about the Oklahoma background of GEORGE S. LONG. I would like to add to that, that a number of years ago he was a campaign manager for Hon. Jim McClintic in his successful race for Congress, as he sought to represent the old Seventh District in Oklahoma, which is now a part of the Sixth District, which I have the honor to represent at this time. Because of his background of many years spent in my own State of Oklahoma and because of the fact that Dr. GEORGE S. LONG and I had so many things in common and thought so much alike about so many things, it was my honor and privilege to visit with him and talk with him on many occasions. Naturally we did not agree on everything, but we agreed on so many things; and when we might disagree on anything we always disagreed in the very finest attitude of friendship, respect, and understanding, each for the views of the other. I am honored in this, that

as we all know in this historic Chamber we as individual Members of the House do not have assigned to us any particular seat. We may sit just where we please when we find a vacant seat. But I am honored in that GEORGE often would come and sit down next to me and I, at every opportunity, came and sat down by him. We followed legislation as closely as we could, and he gave me so many, many good suggestions, and I was inspired so many times by his wisdom and with his suggestions. He was so helpful to me.

His death came as a severe shock to me. I sincerely and deeply mourn his passing.

My remarks should be brief and will be, but I would like to pay tribute to one particular outstanding virtue that he possessed. He possessed many virtues. He was a man of high integrity who believed in truth and honor, but I would like to pay particular tribute to his virtue of courage. I may say that I believe that that particular virtue is more needed today than it ever was in the history of our great Nation. It seems to me that we have plenty of intelligence among our leadership to know what to do, but the courage to do the right things, after we know what to do, is something that I am afraid we are somewhat lacking in. Therefore we have suffered a great loss in this Chamber because of the passing of GEORGE S. LONG, who possessed this great virtue of courage so admirably well.

May I close with this suggestion: A poet has said something like this:

Do you fear the force of the wind,
The slash of the rain?
Go face them and fight them,
Be savage again.
Go hungry and cold like the wolf,
Go wade like the crane;
The palms of your hands will thicken,
The skin of your cheeks will tan,
You'll grow ragged and weary and swarthy,
But you'll walk like a man!

It is my considered opinion that because of the inherent nature he possessed, plus the vicissitudes of fortune in his life by reason of the experiences he had, coming from a very humble station in life and rising to a position of great prominence, because of these hardships and struggles in his life, and that inherent nature of his, he became a man of great, wide experience and great courage. Truly, if there ever was a Member of this House that did so, he did truly walk like a man. He was a real man; a man of great integrity, a man of great power, and a man of great courage.

To his loved ones I extend my heartfelt sympathy and I hope and pray that God will comfort them in this their hour of great bereavement.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. Adair].

Mr. ADAIR. Mr. Speaker, since he came to this House, Dr. LONG has served on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. It was my privilege and pleasure to serve with him there.

During those years which have passed so rapidly and so pleasantly I came to know him quite well and to admire him. He was a man of deep conviction; he was one who was willing to fight for those things in which he believed; yet, withal, he had respect for the views of other people, even though they were in opposition to his own.

During the period of time that he served in this House, he never forgot his responsibility to our beloved Nation and to its people; not only to the people of his own cherished district in Louisiana, but also to the people of all the Nation. In the time that he was here he made a great record for himself. His will be a place difficult to fill. We will remember him fondly and with admiration.

Our sympathy and our prayers, Mr. Speaker, go to his family.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida [Mr. Haley].

Mr. HALEY. Mr. Speaker, I join the people of Louisiana in mourning the passing of a great American and a great public servant. It was my pleasure to serve with Dr. GEORGE SHANNON LONG on the Veterans' Affairs Committee for about 3 years. Through that association, I found our now departed colleague to be a good man, a great American, and a loyal friend of mankind. Dr. LONG very ably served as chairman of the Hospitals' Subcommittee, where he contributed much by his wise leadership. Dr. LONG was not afraid to firmly state his convictions, and he fully recognized the rights of every man to do likewise.

While we will miss his physical presence in the halls of this House, we will continue to sense his influence and his strong personality, and we will continue to be guided by the democratic principles to which he strongly adhered. We are blessed because we had the pleasure to work with Dr. GEORGE SHANNON LONG, able Congressman from the Eighth District of Louisiana.

To his beloved wife, to his family, and to his wide circle of friends, I express my heartfelt sympathy, and repeat words of that beautiful song, There Is No Death:

> Death is but an open door; we move from room to room.
> There is one life, no more. One dying and one tomb.
> We live, we see, we know; we shout with every breath—
> All is eternal life. There is no death.

To those of us who remain to carry on the work of this great body, may we join in praying "Oh, God, teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts and our minds unto wisdom."

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida [Mr. Bennett].

Mr. BENNETT of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in warm tribute to an able national leader who has passed from our midst due to death, Dr. GEORGE LONG. We were neighbors in our offices here on Capitol Hill and in our Washington

residences in Southeast Washington. I will always cherish the memory of his kind friendliness and sense of humor, his courage, his enthusiasm, and his leadership for the cause of all those in need of his help. America is stronger and better because of his fine work here in the House of Representatives. In keeping with his Christian living he was a faithful attender and an officer in a group of Members of the House who meet each week for a special prayer meeting for divine guidance in governmental affairs. I feel that as he joins our Father above he will be at home and in the eternal place which his good works have earned for him. My deepest sympathy goes out to the lovely and able lady who is his widow.

Mr. DORN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. I yield to the gentleman from South Carolina.

Mr. DORN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I sat next to GEORGE LONG on the Veterans' Affairs Committee for several years.

In evaluating the accomplishments and achievements of a man like GEORGE S. LONG, I think we must go back to the year 1883 in the great aftermath of the War Between the States. It is difficult for many of us to realize today the hardships undergone by tenant farmers and the people in the small towns and rural sections of the South of that day and time. In many cases they had no money. They went to the country stores to swap corn, wheat, and scrap cotton for coffee and sugar.

Into such a world came GEORGE S. LONG, next to the oldest of four brothers. I feel today, Mr. Speaker, that this famous family, this family known throughout the length and breadth of the world, owes much of its success and achievement to the older member of that family, GEORGE S. LONG. You know, back of nearly every great family or every great

man there is a woman, a mother, or father, or someone who plants an idea. In my district in the case of John C. Calhoun it was his father and his cousin. His cousin preceded him here in the Congress and gave Calhoun an incentive, a mark to shoot toward. I honestly believe that Huey Long, Earl K. Long, Senator Rose Long, and the Honorable Russell B. Long, all of whom I know, love, and admire—owe much of their phenomenal success to this humble man to whom we pay tribute here today. He was the first one of this great family to embark upon a political career, many years before any of them, I believe, even dreamed of a political life.

When the final chapter of the history of this turbulent era of depression and war is written, you will find that chapter filled with the achievements of the great Long family of Louisiana.

Mr. Speaker, GEORGE LONG was forthright, he was fearless, he was a man of courage; and above all, knowing him as I did, I admired his nonconformity in a day of conformity, in a day of propaganda when many propaganda agencies are seeking to get all America to think in the same pattern, thus paving the way for thought control, for national socialism, for fascism. It was refreshing to me to see a man who simply did not conform, forthright, independent, able to stand for and speak his own mind, the world and even the whole country notwithstanding.

"They pass on but their good works do follow them" and "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

These passages of Scripture characterize the love for his fellow men that GEORGE S. LONG had.

To his family and many friends I extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Burleson], chairman of the Committee on House Administration.

Mr. BURLESON. Mr. Speaker, as was mentioned by the gentleman from Connecticut [Mr. Morano], our beloved departed friend, Dr. LONG, served on the Committee on House Administration, of which I have the honor to be chairman. During the years which he served on that committee, I always knew and I could always depend upon knowing exactly where he stood. At the risk of speaking in the vernacular, he played the game according to the rules. And, as has previously been mentioned by a number of speakers, he was the sort of man with whom you did not have to agree to have his respect and to return that respect to him. Whatever issues arose in the committee on which we disagreed, he always told me previously of the action he expected to take. I respected his position as he respected mine. We understood one another. Sometimes there are strange things which bring men together. Dr. LONG liked to hunt. We have hunted together on several occasions. We had the common interests of loving bird dogs. On those occasions when hunting we did not talk shop. We talked dogs and enjoyed what we were doing.

I think when you are out with a man in this way, hunting or fishing, you come to know him pretty well. I think when you get that personal touch outside of this Chamber you have a closer touch of personal warmth when you return to it. Consequently I had a greater admiration for this man who was my personal friend.

Mr. Speaker, I join with those who have spoken so beautifully about this wonderful character. I join with them in expressing deepest sympathy to his widow. May God bless her and the members of his family.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. Williams].

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, we of the State of Mississippi join our neighbors in Louisiana in mourning the passing of our beloved friend, Dr. GEORGE S. LONG.

We thought of Dr. LONG as a fine friend and a good neighbor, and he will be missed by the people of Mississippi as well as by the people of Louisiana.

The people of Mississippi have known the Long family and have watched them and admired them during many years. We recall how GEORGE LONG and his brothers, born into conditions of poverty, rose from the most humble beginnings to the point where everyone of them held high offices of great trust. Dr. GEORGE LONG, the eldest of these brothers, came from obscurity to be elected to the third highest Federal office within the gift of the American people. His life is a shining tribute to the great land of opportunity that is America.

Dr. GEORGE LONG was a man of deep conviction and great courage, dedicated to the highest ideals of American statesmanship. He held the friendship and admiration of every Member of this body, and his loss will be felt here for many years to come, as it will be felt throughout the United States.

Mr. Speaker, to his widow and his beloved family we offer our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the Delegate from Hawaii [Mr. Burns].

Mr. BURNS of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, in echoing the expressions of the distinguished Members who have spoken of the great achievements, the excellent character, the outstanding integrity and the many other splendid attributes of the Honorable GEORGE S. LONG, I am deeply conscious of the great privilege I had in having his friendship. Congressman GEORGE LONG, in the course of his duties, on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs visited Hawaii a few years ago. I had the privilege of making his acquaintance at that time and of taking him around the various parts of the islands, with his lovely wife Jewell. Since that time Dr. GEORGE S. LONG has been a very real friend of mine. Upon my coming to the Congress a year ago he took me under his

personal wing and he used to review the work that I had here.

Just this last week he came up to me, and including me as a part of his family asked, "Cousin, how are you getting along?" and reviewed the current progress of matters affecting my work here and the interests of Hawaii, which he supported.

GEORGE SHANNON LONG was a believer in democracy, democracy with a capital "D" as well as that with a small "d." This, to me, was an extension of that great charity that he possessed in abundance over and above that usually possessed. He had the courage of his convictions. As God gave him the light to see the right he followed it unswervingly with the fullest force at his command.

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply honored and privileged to have this opportunity to pay tribute to the memory of a man who so much represented that which we in America value. I honor him for his statesmanship, his character, his integrity, his loyalty and devotion to his country and to the people whom he served in the Congress, and to his family.

I extend to his wife, Jewell, and to other members of his family my deepest and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement. GEORGE LONG believed in prayer. I offer my most sincere prayers for the repose of his soul and for the understanding of the Almighty to his family.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. Neal].

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, as a member of an allied profession to which Dr. GEORGE LONG devoted the major part of his life, I can readily understand his untiring devotion to the well-being of people in all walks of life.

I have learned to admire him for his personality, his enthusiasm and his devotion to his duties as a Representative of the citizens of his great State. Our associations as Members of the House have been more closely tied because of

our mutual professional interests. I join with the members of the Louisiana delegation in extending sympathy to his wife, his family and his legions of personal friends.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. Sisk].

Mr. SISK. Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege and honor to be assigned to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs on my coming to Congress. For the past 3 years I have had the privilege of serving on the Subcommittee on Hospitals under the able chairmanship of GEORGE LONG. I came to know him very well and to consider him a very close and personal friend.

It was my privilege to accompany him on a number of trips to visit hospitals and to hold hearings on behalf of the veterans of this Nation. Today it is with a sense of great loss that I think of the passing of Dr. LONG, and on behalf of the 2 million-plus veterans in the State of California I express that feeling of loss.

It was my privilege to accompany Dr. LONG in a trip throughout the State in an inspection of the hospitals of the Pacific coast and to come to an appreciation of his great and deep feeling for the welfare of the veterans, particularly for the ill, the disabled, and those who stood in need of medical care.

Another reason, Mr. Speaker, that I felt so close to Dr. LONG was the visits I have had with him and the coincidence of the fact that, in 1883, the year of his birth in Louisiana, my father was born in the great State of Georgia, and as a young man he migrated to what then was Indian Territory and is today the great State of Oklahoma, at a time similar to that when Dr. LONG migrated to Oklahoma. I have talked to him of the many experiences he had, apparently comparable with those of my father in that time.

So it is today that I speak with a feeling of the loss of a dear and very personal friend, as well as the loss to our

committee of a great legislator, a man who aggressively pursued the welfare and the well being of the American veteran, as well as of Americans generally. So, I close with an expression of my deepest sympathy to his widow, to his family, and to his many friends.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. Younger].

Mr. YOUNGER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with our colleagues in paying our respects to the memory of Congressman LONG. He was one of the most faithful in attendance at our Thursday prayer group breakfast. There I learned to know him in close association for a number of years. A finer man I have never known. I regret exceedingly his untimely death, and extend my sympathy to his family.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. Hagen].

Mr. HAGEN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with the Louisiana delegation and other Members of the House in paying tribute to GEORGE LONG. When I was first elected to Congress I sat next to him on the Veterans' Affairs Committee and learned of his abiding interest in the welfare of those who had served us in World Wars I and II and in the Spanish-American War. I know he had a particular knowledge of the problems of medical and dental care and attention that our veterans need. He worked diligently to provide the kind of program we in the Congress want for the veterans.

GEORGE LONG was a kindly and a very humanitarian man, two attributes which every public officeholder should possess, and he possessed them to a very high degree. I know the country has suffered a great loss in his passing.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. Dingell].

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I should like to join with my good distinguished colleague the gentleman from Louisi-

ana [Mr. Brooks] and the other Members of the Louisiana delegation in the House in expressing my feeling of great sadness and loss at the very untimely passing of Dr. LONG. On many occasions I have watched Dr. LONG both on the floor and in committee. I have had the pleasure of noting the rare delicacy of his conscience, his strong sense of duty, and his sense of justice; they were without peer in the House of Representatives. I was always delighted at his care of humanity, his concern for the hungry and the needy. Those who were suffering in this country and abroad, were always most carefully considered in his legislation. Dr. LONG was a man who was able to see clearly his duty and to adhere very closely to his very high principles once he had determined his duty. He was a fine servant of his people in the State of Louisiana; of the people of this country.

I would like to extend my personal condolences to his wife, Mrs. Long, in her loss and to assure her that those of us who served here in the House of Representatives with her splendid husband will miss him sorely.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. Chenoweth].

Mr. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join the members of the Louisiana delegation and my other colleagues in the House who have paid tribute to the memory of our deceased colleague, Dr. LONG. I was greatly shocked and saddened when I heard of his untimely passing. It was a privilege to serve with Dr. LONG in this body. He had visited in Colorado and I enjoyed talking to him about his trips to our State. He was a man devoted not only to the welfare of his district but to the best interests of the entire Nation. I also enjoyed my association with him in the breakfast group where he was very faithful and regular in his attendance, and rendered most effective service as secretary of this group. Dr. LONG had a most friendly and genial personality. He was truly a Christian gentleman. Our lives have been

enriched because of our association with this outstanding American and patriot. I wish to extend my deep personal sympathy to his widow and the other members of his family.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield to our colleague, the gentleman from Utah [Mr. Dixon].

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I cherish the memory of Dr. LONG and the honor to have claimed his friendship. My association with Dr. LONG has been rather close through the Congressmen's Prayer Breakfast which meets every Thursday morning. His great Christian character caused me to admire him and gain an affection for him.

His remarkable faith was in the power of Christianity to transform the lives of not only individuals but of peoples and nations. I liked his belief that belief in fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man—and people-to-people communication can bring peace. It can also go far to create unselfishness and destroy the greed that threatens our economy and our peace.

I honor his memory, praise him in the gates for his good work.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply distressed on Saturday evening last to learn of the sudden and unexpected passing of our distinguished colleague, the Honorable GEORGE SHANNON LONG of the Eighth Congressional District of Louisiana.

Doctor LONG was a fine and respected man who came to this body in 1953 and served in the 83d, 84th, and 85th Congresses. He was a member of the House Administration and Veterans Committees and enjoyed the high esteem of his colleagues. His congressional district, his State, and the Nation have lost a distinguished legislator.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his widow in her sad hour of bereavement.

Mr. RAYBURN. Mr. Speaker, Dr. GEORGE LONG was a man of high character, of splendid ability, and was an all-round good man.

To Mrs. Long and all his loved ones I extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. EVINS. Mr. Speaker, may I join with my colleagues from Louisiana and others in paying a brief but sincere tribute to the memory of our late colleague and friend, the distinguished gentleman from Louisiana, Congressman GEORGE S. LONG. Dr. LONG, as we all called our friend, was a most colorful and delightful personality. It was my privilege to serve with him as a member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee and thus had the opportunity in the day-to-day work of that committee to appreciate his devotion to the welfare of the Nation and the ex-servicemen of our country and the fine qualities of his character and personality. His service in the Congress and his contribution to our work have enriched both his great State and the Nation and added luster to the name of his family. Certainly it is a great tribute to a family—the Long family of Louisiana—that it could produce so many members who won the confidence of their fellow citizens so many times. We shall miss Dr. LONG, and I should like to convey an expression of my sincerest sympathies to the members of his family.

Mr. THOMPSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the death of GEORGE LONG was a particular shock to me. I had not known of his illness and was entirely unprepared for the announcement when it came over the radio.

Just last week, he and I had spent many hours in an airplane on the way to his home country and mine. We sat side by side and chatted during most of the time. I felt as we parted as I have felt so many times during our association here—that I had been encouraged and refreshed by a true philosopher and a friend of man.

I suppose that seated here today there are many who feel as I do—that they have lost a true and intimate friend. Among the many other fine things that are said here on this sad occasion, none could more closely describe our old friend than that along with being a fearless fighter for what he thought was right, he was above all, always a friend of man.

My sympathy goes out to his family, to the members of the Louisiana delegation, and to the people whom he served in so many ways for such a long time.

Mr. AYRES. Mr. Speaker, GEORGE LONG brought to this House a distinguished, exciting, and unusual career. His path had not always been an easy one. He neither tried to live up to, or live down, the reputation of those who bore his name.

He was GEORGE LONG, doctor of dentistry, doctor of law, and Member of Congress.

His wife has lost a loving husband, I have lost a friend, and the Congress has lost a dedicated Member. Although I seldom found myself in agreement with his political positions, I respected his enthusiasm.

I cannot improve on the words of the Psalms known as A Song of the Lord's Deliverance:

I will extol Thee, O Lord; for Thou hast lifted me up and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried unto Thee, and Thou hast healed me.

O Lord, Thou has brought up my soul from the grave; Thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.

For His anger endureth but a moment; in His favor is life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

Lord, by Thy favor Thou hast made my mountain to stand strong; Thou didst hide Thy face, and I was troubled.

I cried to Thee, O Lord; and unto the Lord I made supplication.

What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise Thee? shall it declare Thy truth?

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be Thou my helper.

Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: Thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

To the end that my glory may sing praise to Thee, and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto Thee forever.

Mr. O'HARA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, from the moment he came to the House, even before I met him and came to know him, I liked "Doc" LONG. His human warmth, his open frankness, his shirtsleeved honesty reached out and drew me into a rich and treasured friendship. I shall miss him very, very much.

I shall miss hearing him speak from the well of the House, his arms flailing the depth of his feeling and giving a dramatic emphasis to words that often were blunt but came thundering from his lips, with the intonations of real oratory, as bullets from a machinegun. He was an orator of the old school who spoke fearlessly the sentiments, as he understood them, of his constituents. He never disguised his meaning, or softened the impact, by polishing of diction. Whether one agreed with him or disagreed one felt when he had finished that he had hit hard the target that he intended. He represented faithfully and courageously his constituents and enjoyed the high esteem and affection of his colleagues.

But most, Mr. Speaker, I shall miss his smile and his hearty greetings. If he liked you, and I think there was no rancor in his heart toward anyone, he never left you hanging in doubt. He was a deeply religious man, once told me that he had read countless times the Bible from cover to cover, and I doubt that there was any passage of the Bible that he could not immediately have located as to book and verse. In his associations with his colleagues, in his daily relations with his fellow man, it always seemed to me that he was striving to live by the precepts of his faith.

His passing has brought grief to every veteran of the Spanish-American War and to the widows of our veterans who have passed on. The cause of these widows, hopelessly in their old age seeking to keep going on pensions cruelly meager, was very close to his heart. His name and his good deeds will be remembered with deep affection as long as life and memory remain among the dwindling survivors of the war of six decades ago. Congressman LONG was their friend at every turn of the road.

Mr. Speaker, to his wife, to the Louisiana delegation, to his brother, the Governor of Louisiana, and to his nephew, the junior United States Senator from Louisiana, I join with my colleagues in expression of deepest sympathy.

Mr. WEAVER. Mr. Speaker, it was, indeed, sad news to learn of the death of my friend and colleague, GEORGE LONG, of Louisiana. I served with Dr. LONG as a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee for the past 3 years.

GEORGE LONG was devoted to his job of serving the people of the great State of Louisiana and was equally devoted to the veterans of our country through his service on the House Veterans' Committee. He was a friendly and kind man, and one who was firm and courageous in his convictions to stand up for what he thought was right and fair. I shall miss Dr. LONG. To his wife and members of his family, I extend my heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Mr. Speaker, we have lost a stout-hearted champion of the causes of the people in the death of our distinguished colleague from Louisiana, the Honorable GEORGE LONG.

Ever since I came to the House, Dr. LONG has been a good neighbor in the Old House Office Building, as well as a warm, personal friend.

His residence in Oklahoma had left with him a keen interest in our State and its problems and he was always ready to lend a helping hand on legislation affecting the people of Oklahoma.

The contribution which he made to the veterans of America, in his unflagging interest in the veterans' hospitals of our country, and in all matters affecting veterans and their dependents, has been a great one.

We shall miss this courageous man in the Halls of Congress in the trying times ahead.

To his lovely wife and his fine family and to the people of Louisiana, I want to express my warm sympathy in this hour of sorrow.

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege to meet Dr. GEORGE LONG on the Veterans' Affairs Committee during my first years in the Congress. Here was a man with as genuine an interest in the veterans of this country as any of the devoted men I met on that committee or coming before it. And he was always anxious and willing to share his vast understanding of the ways of humanity with those who showed an interest. His interest in the common man was common knowledge. His religious belief was based upon a firm foundation, true, and sincere. He had a background of training in life as a teacher, lawyer, and dentist which few of us can duplicate. And he was active in the social, civic, and business organizations which are an important part of our life.

Only last week I had the opportunity to exchange a few pleasant remarks with him off the floor of the House. As always, he was gracious and kind and quick to appreciate any spark of humor in our conversation. My life is richer for having known him.

Mr. CHRISTOPHER. Mr. Speaker, with the passing of GEORGE SHANNON LONG the world has lost a great statesman, and the veterans of this country have lost one of their foremost advocates.

"Doc," as he was known to his friends, was the able chairman of the Subcommittee on Hospitals of the Committee on

Veterans' Affairs, an assignment that enabled him to exercise his many talents. He never failed to meet his responsibilities. He was devoted to the welfare of the veteran, his dependents, and his survivors.

GEORGE LONG was fearless, yet kind and considerate.

GEORGE LONG was a fighter, yet gentle and forgiving.

He was a devout Christian gentleman and a devoted husband.

GEORGE LONG wore no man's collar, yet he was ever alert to the will of his constituents.

GEORGE LONG was never "on the fence." He made it a point to let the world know how he stood on every public question.

The details of GEORGE LONG's public career have been ably given by the chairman of the Louisiana delegation, Mr. Brooks. And let us note that two States were the beneficiaries of his public service—Louisiana and Oklahoma.

GEORGE LONG was a personification of the great American tradition. In what other country, Mr. Speaker, can one born in humble surroundings rise to a position of distinction, as in the case of GEORGE LONG?

To Mrs. Long and to his many relatives we extend our deepest sympathies. We are all better men and women for our associations with him.

Mr. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, it is always a sad occasion when we meet together in this House after learning of the loss of one of our Members. I believe that serving together draws the Members more closely together than any other association of men and women.

An even deeper sense of grief than usual is mine today, because the Member we have lost is my very close and dear friend, GEORGE SHANNON LONG, affectionately known as Dr. GEORGE, not only by our Louisiana delegation but by the entire membership. Dr. GEORGE is one man, above all in my experience, who lived by the Golden Rule.

His deep religious and moral principles were reflected in every action in his daily life. It may truly be said that his dignity, courage, and diligence were in the highest traditions of this House. Yet, these attributes were fully equaled by his deeply sympathetic approach to the problems of others, and his thoughtfulness, courtesy, and friendliness to everyone who came in contact with him.

I have often felt, but have not taken the occasion to say it until this moment, that every individual who met or talked or worked with Dr. GEORGE was the better for the experience.

It has been my great privilege to enjoy the close personal friendship of GEORGE LONG and his fine family for many years. Time will not permit a recitation of his many kindnesses to me and to all of his associates. I know that these things will stand to his credit in a higher place.

Dr. LONG's life story is the story of a self-made man—a man who literally made a high place for himself in the councils of his State and his Nation. He is a credit to his chosen profession of dentistry and to the people of the Eighth District of Louisiana, whom he has represented so effectively since 1953 in this Congress. He was just coming into his own as one of the great leaders and statesmen that typify the outstanding leadership the South has furnished since the birth of the United States. It is not ours to question the wisdom of He who called Dr. GEORGE from among us. Dr. GEORGE had well and faithfully carried out his duties in this life. His absence will be felt and mourned, but his accomplishments will go on to benefit the people of his State and his country.

Dr. LONG, in his conscientious devotion to duty, simply drew too deeply on his vast reservoir of energy and vitality in his endeavor to achieve, in the span of his service in Congress, advances that would have taken many years longer in the hands of another man. He is truly a martyr to his devotion to duty.

Let us, then, count ourselves fortunate to have known this wonderful man, and to have had our paths in life cross his. Though mourning his loss, we may be consoled that the good he did lives on.

They cannot wholly pass away,
How far so e're above;
Nor we, the lingerers, wholly stay
Apart from those we love;
For spirits in eternity,
As shadows in the sun,
Reach backward into time
As we, like lifted clouds, reach on.

Mr. AVERY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to associate myself with my colleagues to pay tribute to my late friend the Honorable GEORGE LONG, the gentleman from Louisiana. Much has been said here today about his blood relationship to other dramatic public servants from the great State of Louisiana, but I prefer to direct my remarks just to the career and to the service to this Nation of the gentleman himself.

His unselfish public service was not rendered alone to the people in Louisiana, as the late doctor also had a record of distinguished service to the State of Oklahoma as well. This service was partly in the way of public service and also in the practice of his dedicated profession, a doctor of dental science.

As has been indicated by other Members, I served on the Veterans' Affairs Committee with our departed colleague and also on the Veterans Hospital Subcommittee of which he was chairman. Between the 1st and 2d sessions of the 84th Congress, our subcommittee was assigned a considerable number of veterans' hospitals to visit in nearly every portion of the United States. Dr. LONG and I, along with Mr. Patterson of the committee staff, were the only members of the subcommittee who made all of these trips. This in itself is a tribute to the late doctor's intense interest in

the problems of the veteran as I assure you it is not a pleasure cruise to travel day after day and to only visit with those who are suffering and in many cases not even able to care for themselves. Our chairman would always ask penetrating questions from the managers, engineers, and directors of professional services. From his questioning and personal inspections of facilities, it was always apparent that he was not only interested in making available to the veteran the necessary hospital and medical service, but also he was determined that every dollar spent by the Veterans' Administration should yield a full dollar's worth of benefits to the veteran. Because of his professional knowledge of medical and hospital problems, he was an extremely capable chairman.

On one of these trips, we visited the hospital in the doctor's own district, the Veterans' Administration hospital in Alexandria. When we had completed our day's work, and I recall it was on a national holiday, November 11, Dr. and Mrs. Long invited us out to their home for dinner and to meet a few of their many friends in Pineville. His home was a symbol of the modest, efficient, and excellent taste that were always exemplified by his lovely wife and lifelong associate, Mrs. June Tyson Long. To Mrs. Long and his other relatives and friends, I want to express my sincere sympathy. As long as I serve in this body, I shall always miss but never forget the impressionable characteristics of my friend from the Eighth District of Louisiana, the late GEORGE S. LONG.

Mr. COAD. Mr. Speaker, the death of Representative GEORGE LONG was a stunning loss to this House. GEORGE LONG was one of my many sincere friends, and the news of his death last Saturday was a distinct shock to me.

Dr. LONG was an able, sincere, and hard-working Member of this House. Mr. LONG continuously upheld the principle

of our American democracy in action. Many were the times when the battle of the little man was taken up by Mr. LONG, who earnestly believed in bettering the conditions of those less fortunate.

My sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Long and the entire family. We need men of the caliber and who are possessed with the courage as were found in GEORGE LONG. He has made for himself a place in the annals of the history of this Nation, but the loss of so able a public servant will long be felt.

Mr. DAGUE. Mr. Speaker, it is with sad hearts that we mark the passing of another stalwart American and our heads are bowed in solemn contemplation of the loss of one who was never loath to raise his voice in behalf of any cause which he felt was in the interests of the Nation in general and his district in particular.

GEORGE S. LONG was an able champion of the disabled veteran and he was tireless in his pursuit of those things which would make things easier for the widow and the orphan. As a doctor of dentistry he was jealous of his profession and stoutly resisted all attempts which might lead to the socialization of medical science and its application.

It was my personal privilege to join each week, when Congress was in session, with GEORGE LONG in the meditations of a breakfast prayer group and it was in that gathering that I came to know the deeply religious side of this departed brother. His was a faith that had been learned at his mother's knee and we are assured that it has carried him to that happier place where there will be no more parting.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his loved ones who have been made desolate by this grievous event.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

House Resolution 508

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable GEORGE S. LONG, a Representative from the State of Louisiana.

Resolved, That a committee of eight Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints the following as members of the committee to accompany the body: Mr. Brooks of Louisiana, Mr. Hébert, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Boggs, Mr. Passman, Mr. Willis, Mr. Thompson of Louisiana, and Mr. Dorn of South Carolina.

The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 22 minutes p. m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 25, 1958, at 11 o'clock a. m.

TUESDAY, *March 25, 1958.*

Mr. LANE. Mr. Speaker, GEORGE LONG was born in a log cabin.

At the time of his death, last Saturday, he was a Member of the Congress of the United States.

Only a few days before, he stopped to talk with me after the House had concluded its business for the day. I had no idea that the final adjournment was so near for him. From his manner, I do not believe he had any intimation that the end of his life was approaching so rapidly.

He was his usual cheerful self, interested as always in the welfare of others.

When I first came to Congress from Massachusetts, I did not know much about his native State except that the Long family was the most popular in Louisiana. GEORGE was a brother of Gov. Earl Long and the late Huey P. Long. He was also an uncle of Senator Russell Long.

But from my friendship with GEORGE, I learned how close he and his family were to the everyday problems of the people they represented. GEORGE worked night and day to make a success of his life; became a teacher, a dentist, and a lawyer in turn, but he never lost that homespun, down-to-earth quality that endeared him to the folks back in the parishes of the Pelican State.

GEORGE had a great, big heart for the underdog.

He fought hard but clean for every constructive bill that was designed to help the aged, and the veterans.

Through him we came to know the people of Louisiana and their spirit, because he was so true to them.

The unknown thousands of people that he helped during his journey through life, stopped for a moment in silent prayer when they heard that their benefactor had passed on to his eternal reward.

The Congress of the United States joins with them in mourning the loss of our friend, and in the comforting words that we send to his widow, Mrs. Jewell Tyson Long, of Pineville, La.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. McGown, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed the following resolution:

Senate Resolution 280

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. GEORGE S. LONG, late a Representative from the State of Louisiana.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative the Senate, at the conclusion of its business today, take a recess until 11 o'clock antemeridian tomorrow.

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MONDAY, *March 24, 1958.*

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate resolutions coming over from the House of Representatives.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolutions of the House of Representatives, which were read, as follows:

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U. S.,

March 24, 1958.

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Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, over the weekend the final chapter in an inspiring story of triumph over adversity was written in Washington when death claimed the Honorable GEORGE SHANNON LONG, Representative from the Eighth Congressional District of Louisiana.

As he lived, GEORGE LONG died—serving the people of his State.

For all of his 74 years, GEORGE LONG waged a bitter battle with adversity—yet, this very battle made him a greater man—a man who knew the hard side of life, a man who knew the better side, and a man who could thus appreciate the problems of people.

He was born in a log cabin in Tunica, La., September 11, 1883. From this humble beginning, GEORGE LONG and his brothers and sisters reached a position as one of the best known and influential families in Louisiana.

Of the four Long brothers, all rose to prominence. The eldest was Julius Long, now a retired businessman in Shreveport, La. The youngest was Earl K. Long, today the Governor of Louisiana. Perhaps best known of all his brothers was Huey P. Long, late a United States Senator, and the father of my distinguished colleague, the junior Senator from Louisiana.

GEORGE LONG was born at a time when a man made himself what he wanted to be. He and all his brothers decided that they wanted to improve themselves. And they did. It was the age-old story of Americana—the poor country boy seeking his way in life and finding it.

Yet, as GEORGE LONG inched himself forward, he did so with a humility and genuine concern for all his fellow men that earned him friends, not only in his home State, but in other sections of the United States as well.

For example, during a rather lengthy stay in Oklahoma, in 1920, he was elected to the Oklahoma State Legislature, and served through 1922.

GEORGE LONG was a man of many talents. After attending the public schools in Winn Parish, La., he attended Mount Lebanon College, and later taught school in Winn Parish.

GEORGE LONG'S next interest was dentistry, and he received a doctor of dental surgery degree in 1904. He was admitted to the bar in Oklahoma in 1923.

GEORGE SHANNON LONG

GEORGE LONG returned to Louisiana in 1936, after the death of his brother Huey Long, and made his home in Pineville, where he entered business.

He was elected to the Congress in 1952, and was serving his third term at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, the former Jewell Tyson, of Pineville.

He was a lifelong member of the Baptist Church, and was a past president of the Pineville Chamber of Commerce. In addition, he was a 32° Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Pineville.

The life of GEORGE LONG—educator, dentist, lawyer, and legislator—is an inspiring reminder that poverty need not close the door to achievement—that hard work and an abiding desire to overcome adversity can bring a rich and rewarding life.

Those of us who knew GEORGE LONG and now miss him will remember him primarily as a man and as a friend, one who could and did pull himself up from his humble origin to a position whereby he could serve his friends and neighbors—a man who gave to the people of his State unstintingly in time and effort—a man who lived and proved the old axiom that God helps those who help themselves.

Louisiana will miss GEORGE LONG, Mr. President—and so will our country.

Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be stated.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

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Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, the Senate, at the conclusion of its business today, take a recess until 11 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the request of the Senator from Louisiana?

There being no objection, the resolution (S. Res. 280) was considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to the second resolving clause, the Chair appoints, as the committee to attend the funeral of the late Representative, the senior Senator from Louisiana [Mr. Ellender] and the junior Senator from Louisiana [Mr. Long].

Mr. CARROLL. Mr. President, pursuant to the order previously entered, and in accordance with the last clause of Senate Resolution 280, as a further mark of respect to the late Representative GEORGE S. LONG, of Louisiana, I move that the Senate now stand in recess.

The motion was unanimously agreed to, and (at 6 o'clock and 1 minute p. m.) the Senate took a recess, the recess being, under the order previously entered, and in accordance with the last clause of Senate Resolution 280, as a further mark of respect to the late Representative from Louisiana, until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 25, 1958, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Memorial Tributes
to
George Shannon Long

Memorial Tributes

Remarks by Representative Brooks

Of Louisiana

Mr. Speaker, I submit a copy of a resolution in memory of our late colleague, GEORGE S. LONG, adopted by the DAV-Philians Social Security Organization, on March 26, 1958, at San Dionisio, Paranaque, Rizal, Republic of the Philippines. It is as follows:

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

"Whereas the DAV–Philians Social Security Organization has learned with profound regret of the death of the Honorable GEORGE S. LONG, a Member of Congress from the State of Louisiana, United States of America, who was a sincere friend of this organization and of all the Filipino people; and

"Whereas the deceased was a most honest, courageous, and faithful public servant being ever mindful of the problems of the downtrodden and neglected peoples of the world, and

"Whereas he had joined with the DAV–Philians in a vigorous effort to help Filipino veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II and their survivors by introducing a bill, H. R. 8167, for their relief; and

"Whereas the members of this organization throughout the length and breadth of the Philippines were shocked and grieved to learn of his death: Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the National Directorate of the DAV–Philians Social Security Organization in emergency meeting assembled, That all officers and members of the organization shall, in pursuance of this resolution, manifest their sympathy and condolence to his widow, brothers, and other relatives; and be it further

"Resolved, That the members shall devote their prayers for the repose of his soul; and be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the widow of the Honorable GEORGE S. LONG, and that a copy thereof be spread on the permanent records of the DAV–Philians Social Security Organization."

Adopted on this the 26th day of March 1958, at the DAV–Philians Camp at San Dionisio, Paranaque, Rizal, Republic of the Philippines.

SERVANDO L. MICLAT,
National Chairman.
PEDRO M. GUERRERO,
National Secretary.

Remarks by Representative Passman

Of Louisiana

Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks, I include the following newspaper articles:

[From the Alexandria Daily Town Talk, Alexandria-Pineville, La., of March 21, 1958]

LAST RITES HELD HERE FOR REPRESENTATIVE LONG

(By Jack Lord)

Hundreds of persons filed past the casket to pay their last tributes to Representative GEORGE S. LONG during services held at the First Baptist Church in Pineville Thursday afternoon.

A packed church with many standing in the rear and still others who were unable to find a place in the building heard Dr. R. Houston Smith, LONG's pastor for the past 12 years, say, "Dr. LONG was a man of great convictions—convictions which he did not hesitate to make known."

A host of Louisiana and National Government members from this State as well as other States were present. Governor Earl Long, brother of the deceased man, was among those present as was Senator Russell Long, a nephew who served as a pallbearer.

The entire Louisiana delegation to the House of Representatives as well as Senator Allen Ellender, the other Senator from this State, officially represented Congress at the services.

The Dominican Republic honored Dr. LONG by having their consul general from Washington at the funeral. Representative LONG made several addresses in the House concerning this country.

Two former Louisiana Governors were in attendance: Jimmie Davis and Jimmie Noe.

State offices in Baton Rouge were closed Thursday. The flag on the National Capitol flew at half-mast in tribute to Representative LONG.

Dr. Smith read from the Bible the 23d Psalm and a portion from John 14. Music was furnished by a mixed ensemble of members of the church choir. They sang, "Oh, So Desolate" and "The Old Rugged Cross."

"Dr. LONG was an unusual man," Dr. Smith said. "God endowed him with a rare gift of a fascinating personality, an attractiveness, a personality which drew men to him.

"He was a man of great convictions. He served his people as faithfully and as conscientiously as he possibly could.

"I found him to be a man of great courage. There was nothing wish-washy about GEORGE LONG.

"NO BITTERNESS"

"No person can be all things to all men. Although in the life he lived as a Representative of the Eighth Congressional District, certain criticisms were directed at him, I never detected any bitterness or resentment in him at all.

"He always showed a spirit of fair play. His courage was contagious.

"But more important than all to me was that Dr. LONG was a man with a great religious experience. He was not what we would call a pious man, but he had a deep and profound belief in God.

"This belief he demonstrated in his life.

"The last Sunday he lived he sat in that pew," Dr. Smith said, pointing to a seat near the front. "He was a regular attender of this church when not in Washington, and was a member of the Golden Rule Bible Class."

"We will miss this man. Our country will miss him," Dr. Smith concluded.

The entire front of the church, as well as most of the sides of the downstairs section, was lined with flowers.

Interment followed at Greenwood Memorial Park.

MASONIC RITES

This service was in charge of Masons from throughout the State. Conducting the service was acting grand master of the State of Louisiana, Representative Otto Passman, a colleague of Representative LONG.

Pallbearers, all nephews of the deceased, were Senator Long, Shreveport; John Hunt, Monroe; Robert D. Parrott, Alexandria; Palmer Long, Shreveport; John Dourconeau, Natchitoches; James Long, Shreveport; and William Shindell, Tulsa, Okla.

Honorary pallbearers included the Louisiana delegation to the National Congress, with the exception of Senator Long; Senator Ellender, Representatives Eddie Hébert; Hale Boggs; James H. Morrison; Overton Brooks; Otto Passman; Edwin Willis, and T. A. Thompson; Congressman William Jennings Bryan Dorn, of South Carolina; Zeake Johnson, Sergeant at Arms of the House; Paul

Jones, Veterans' Affairs Committee; Julian Langston, House Administration Committee; and members of the Louisiana State Dental Society.

Survivors included his wife, the former Jewell Tyson, of Pineville; two brothers, Julius, of Shreveport; and Earl K., Baton Rouge; and four sisters, Mrs. Clara Knott, of Many; Mrs. Stewart Hunt, of Ruston; Mrs. Lottie Davis, of Ruston; and Mrs. Ollie Cooper, of Natchitoches.

The entire six front rows of the church were occupied by relatives of Dr. LONG.

Alexandria relatives include Dr. and Mrs. Robert U. Parrott, Robert D. Parrott, Mary Charlotte Parrott, and John K. L. Parrott.

[From the Alexandria Daily Town Talk, Alexandria-Pineville, La., of March 26, 1958]

NAME CHANGE URGED FOR ESLER TO GEORGE S. LONG AIRPORT

Ward 9 police juror L. B. Henry today announced that he will propose naming the commercial airport to be built at Esler Field in memory of the late Representative GEORGE S. LONG.

Henry, the jury's airport chairman, said he would introduce a resolution at the April 8 police jury meeting to effect the name change.

LONG was active in efforts to get the property deeded to the parish by the Federal Government. He was responsible for passage of a special act of Congress which made the transfer possible.

TEXT OF STATEMENT

"Mindful of the tremendous concept of citizenship manifested and demonstrated by our late Congressman, GEORGE SHANNON LONG, and realizing that in his services to our people, that he was above politics and political acts; and further realizing that it was through his persistent, tireless and unending devotion to the people of Rapides Parish, and Central Louisiana, that our parish acquired Esler Field and all its improvements, I find that my sense of duty and obligation to his memory requires that public recognition which will out live and out last our contemporaneous memories, be afforded this honest, sincere and conscientious citizen. Accordingly, and not in any political sense or as approving any political inference, I will introduce into the Rapides Parish police jury the following resolution:

"Whereas God, in His great mercy, and realizing that man proposes but God disposes, has seen necessary to call to His eternal

congress, our good friend and Congressman, GEORGE SHANNON LONG; and

MADE IT POSSIBLE

"Whereas Congressman GEORGE S. LONG, by his devotion to duty, and through his persistent, conscientious and tireless efforts has made possible to the people of Rapides Parish and central Louisiana, the valuable property known as Esler Field; and

"Whereas the acquisition of Esler Field by our policy jury, in trust for our people, will make possible the inevitable greater development of our community: Be it therefore

"*Resolved,* That henceforth the name of Esler Field, shall be officially known as George S. Long Airport, and that a copy of this resolution, duly passed and enacted, be forwarded to the honorable clerk of court in and for the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, for engrossment in the conveyance records, for all posterity."

Remarks of Representative Teague

Of Texas

Mr. Speaker, I wish to include the following article which appeared in the March 22 edition of the Sunday Star.

Dr. LONG was a most valuable and respected member of my Committee on Veterans' Affairs. He was devoted to his position on this committee and served faithfully as chairman of the Subcommittee on Hospitals. Many, many times I called on Dr. LONG to visit veteran hospitals throughout the country, and his only answer was "when do you want me to leave, Mr. Chairman?"

His reports were always detailed in every nature, and his service on my committee will be sorely missed.

The article follows:

REPRESENTATIVE LONG, FOURTH OF DYNASTY, DIES

Representative GEORGE SHANNON LONG, Democrat, of Louisiana, the fourth member of Louisiana's Long dynasty to sit in Congress, died yesterday at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Dr. LONG suffered a heart attack at his home here on Thursday. He was 74.

A dentist, lawyer, and patent medicine manufacturer as well as a legislator, Dr. LONG came to Congress in 1953, and served in the 83d, 84th, and 85th Congresses. He was a member of the House Administration and Veterans' Affairs Committees.

Dr. LONG was a brother of the late Senator Huey P. Long, and of Gov. Earl Long, of Louisiana. He was an uncle of Senator Russell Long, Democrat, of Louisiana. Huey Long's widow, Mrs. Rose Long, was appointed to fill his term in the Senate.

WON ON THIRD BID

He won election to the House from the Eighth Congressional District in Louisiana in his third bid for the job. His successful campaign for the Democratic nomination in 1952, tantamount to election in Louisiana, was fought mostly along personality lines with the main issue Longism versus anti-Longism.

His brother, Earl, who subsequently was again elected Governor of Louisiana could not succeed himself as Governor that year, and his hand-picked successor was overwhelmingly defeated by Robert Kennon.

Earl Long campaigned for Dr. LONG in his successful bid for Congress, although twice before he had worked against his brother in congressional races.

Dr. LONG was born in a log cabin on his parents' small farm near Winnfield, La. The family moved into the town of Winnfield when he was 5 years old. He attended the public schools in Winn Parish, and Mount Lebanon (La.) College. He taught school in Winn Parish before becoming a dentist.

ADMITTED TO BAR

Dr. LONG practiced dentistry in Oklahoma and Louisiana from 1904 to 1952, and was admitted to the Oklahoma bar in 1923.

He lived in Oklahoma from 1904 to 1936, when he returned to his native State. He served in the Oklahoma State Legislature in 1920–22 as a representative from Tulsa.

His home was in Pineville, La. He was a past president of the chamber of commerce there. Dr. LONG was a 32d degree Mason and a Shriner.

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